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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
LAW AND JUSTICE

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:00 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Law and Justice was called to order by Chairman Kesto.

Members present: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Graves, Howrylak, Roberts, Theis, Albert, Robinson, Guerra, Liberati, Wittenberg.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Chang.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the minutes of February 21, 2017. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Guerra moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Kesto laid the committee at ease, the time being 9:06 a.m.

Chairman Kesto called the committee back to order, the time being 9:07 a.m.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bills before the committee:

HB 4063 (Cox)	Crimes; other; aiming a beam of directed energy from a directed energy device at or into path of aircraft; prohibit and provide penalty.
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HB 4064 (Barrett)	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of aiming beam of directed energy from a directed energy device at aircraft or into path of aircraft; enact.
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Representative Cox and Representative Barrett, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Sgt. Tim Fitzgerald, representing the Michigan State Police, and Sgt. Jerry King, representing the Michigan State Police - Aviation, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Deputy Bill Christensen, representing the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

James R. Ryan, representing the Wayne County Airport Authority, submitted a card in support of HB 4063, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4190 (Cox)	Criminal procedure; evidence; admissibility of prior acts of sexual crimes; allow under certain circumstances.
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Representative Cox testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Judge Thomas Cameron, representing the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, and Lore Rogers, staff attorney for the Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Board, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

John Shea, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill and submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion followed.

Kimberly Buddin, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Sgt. Tim Fitzgerald, representing the Michigan State Police.

Kathy Hagenian, representing the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Danielle Bennetts, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, representing the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Kesto adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:35 a.m.

Representative Klint Kesto, Chair_____

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